

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

RECEIVED

May 10, 1993

JUN 22 1993

FCC MAIL ROOM

RECEIVED

JUN 23 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Holly F. Jenison
542 Clearview Drive
Charleston, SC 29412

Children's TV
MM Docket No. 93-48
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M. St. NW
Washington, DC 20554

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Dear Secretary:

I would like to address the issue of broadcasting of television shows for children. Although, I am encouraged by the attitude of our nation lately to take a long and serious look at healthcare I am disappointed that the television industry has not taken a long look at the job they have done. Television promotes poor eating habits, poor health, low self-esteem in people, promotes violence, drugs and alcohol and certainly does not meet the needs of small children. PBS is the only safe avenue to take if you are the least concerned about what your child will be exposed to on TV.

I am not a Christian, in fact I am an extreme liberal, yet I cannot tolerate what our children are regularly exposed to on television. I have had experience in counseling battered women and children and know that violence is a learned behavior. This message of violence is the most common on television. Most television shows portray a good guy and a bad guy and the good guy is more violent, bigger, stronger, tougher or has a bigger weapon and wins in the end! This is a poor message to teach our children.

When we address healthcare in this nation we should include a monitoring of programming for children and adults. TV violence has been proven to have a dramatic and negative effect on society and can cause more stress which escalates in to health problems. Violence in ~~our~~ the streets of our communities raises healthcare costs as the victims of violence fill up our emergency rooms.

I would like to see more programs for children and adults that are fun, enlightening, educational and nurturing. I would also like to see that advertising also be monitored. There is no point in letting our children watch a show on TV in the early evening hours when TV is supposed to be "safe" if the violence from the 9:00 and 10:00 primetime shows is advertised in the middle of it. Also, these rescue shows air before primetime and are not appropriate for small children! The advertisements aired during morning TV for kids, specifically cartoons does nothing but promote toys and cereals and foods that are not nutritious. The majority

No. of Copies rec'd
List ABCDE

of cartoons are violent and have no good messages. I have not